

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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For : DISTANCE MEASURING METHOD AND IMAGE INPUT  
DEVICE WITH DISTANCE MEASURING FUNCTION  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND CLAIMS FOR PRIORITY**

**Mail Stop Patent Application**  
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Sir:

Prior to calculating the filing fee, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

In accordance with the revised format of the manner of making amendments under 37 CFR §1.121 as set forth in the Final Rule effective 30 July 2003, each section of amendment herein begins on a new page, and changes are shown by strike-through (or double brackets where appropriate) and underlining to indicate deletions and additions, respectively. A complete listing of all claims ever presented in the application is given with the current status of each claim, and only the text of all pending and withdrawn claims is presented in full, with those not being amended herein being presented in clean version.